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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Critical Intelligence Issues

What are the intelligence issues which are most critical and fundamental to our interests (the top 10-12), and how are we addressing them? Off the top of my head I nominate these:

- l. Will the Philippines be friendly in five years and how will we be affected if we lost our bases in Subic Bay and Clark Field. Where do we go to replace them, what would the reaction be, what would be the impact on the Pacific?
- 2. On a worst case basis, what kind of a threat could be represented by the 100 million people between the Panama Canal and the Rio Grande? Afghanistan, with 14 million people, sent 3 1/2 4 million refugees to Pakistan, Iran and Europe?
- 3. What are the prospects of a Soviet-Indian squeeze on Pakistan, what would our losses be if it produced a radical government there? Where do the Soviets stand on missile defense, what kind of an effort are they making, what progress is likely and what could the impact be on the strategic balance?
- 4. The same for the combination of mobile ICBMs and cruise missiles and the impact on our intelligence, our warning and defense, particularly defense capability.

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- 7. Soviet threat to Iran and Iranian threat to the Muslim world.
- 8. The Libyan/Ethiopian threat to Sudan and the Libyan threat to Tunisia and West Africa, impact on the Sixth Fleet and southern front in Europe, on Algeria and Morocco.
- 9. Soviet air and naval power in the South China Sea, Cam Rahn Bay, based air power reaching Asian nations and the Straits of Malacca, impact on Japan and ASEAN. What can happen in Southern Africa with Soviet influence to maintain in Angola, Mozambique, and extended to Namibia?

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